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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 14 February 1969

DD/I reported that the NSC briefing materials have been completed but that he is not completely happy with the Biafra paper nor with certain aspects of the treatment of China contained in the strategic options paper.

DD/I commented that according to the press, Secretary Laird appears to have reduced his figures on Soviet military expenditures. DD/I suggested that it might be useful for Secretary Laird to receive a briefing on these matters from Bruce Clarke.

Godfrey noted that the press is erroneously treating the firing and maneuvering exercises west of Berlin as being sponsored by the Warsaw Pact. Actually, the maneuvers are rather low-level tactical exercises by the Soviets.

Godfrey called attention to the Special Report Jamaica Deals Gingerly with Social Unrest and noted the photo on page 4 of the Jamaican Prime Minister at the local Playboy Club.

DD/S noted that the pay raise is now firm and will be reflected in checks received on 20 March.

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Carver mentioned that we are seeking to identify the DOD action officer that will have primary responsibility for NSSM No. 19.

DD/S called attention to the roster of student editors who will be briefed this morning and said that we have little positive information on each with the exception of two who have been clearly identified.

Maury reported indications that Senators Javits and Cooper, representing the Israeli and Arab points of view respectively, may be seeking an opportunity to go to the Middle East and to provide suggestions for a solution to the Middle East problem.

*Maury reported that Bill Woodruff is seeking information on the availability of the Director to appear before the full Senate Appropriations Committee on 19 or 21 February. The Director noted his full schedule for next week and asked that Maury determine whether it would be convenient to appear before the Committee during the week of 24 February, when the President will be out of the country. In the event this is not possible, the Director expressed a preference for appearing on Friday morning, 21 February.

The Director asked Maury to determine the depth of Senator Javits' interest in the Middle East in order to judge whether an OCI specialist should accompany him when he briefs the Senator.

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Executive Director noted that Wayne Jackson will be preparing the history of the Agency under Allen Dulles' leadership and that he will be in touch with various Deputy Directors in this connection.

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The Director reported on his briefing of former President Eisenhower yesterday. He noted that he was accompanied by Art Lundahl and that President Eisenhower was greatly impressed with the quality of the photography shown. The Director noted that the former President is writing a book and was in good spirits and as sharp as a tack.

25X1 [] called attention to this morning's New York Times profile of Ambassador Colby and noted that he had received a call requesting a photograph. The Director asked that the Department of State be provided with a photograph to meet future requests.

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*Extracted and sent to action officer

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